

Appl. No. 09/818,786
Response Dated November 7, 2005
Reply to Final Office Action of September 7, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9-25 stand in this application. Claims 10-25 are allowed. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 have been amended. Claims 2, 4, 6, and 8 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the standing claims.

At page 2, paragraph 3 of the Final Office Action claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Number (USPN) 6,658,499 to Day ("Day") in view of United States Patent Number (USPN) 6,667,991 to Tzannes ("Tzannes"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection based on the above amendments.

At page 4, paragraph 5 of the Final Office Action claims 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 to include the features of claims 2, 4, 6, and 8, respectively, which were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3, 5, and 7, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 7. Accordingly, claim 9 also is in condition for allowance.


Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9-25 are in allowable form. Accordingly, a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (724) 933-9324 to discuss
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